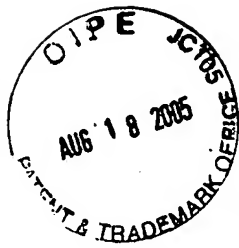


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**AMENDMENT AND TRAVERSAL AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

A requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 was set forth in the Official Action dated June 16, 2005 in the above-identified patent application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, please amend the above-identified application as follows.